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County hikes stipends for vets hall utilities, considers upgrades

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – As the county increases payments covering utility costs at its veterans halls, issues around deferred maintenance and lack of upgrades are being discussed.

At its March 12 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved increasing what's known as "stipends" for utility bills at the veterans halls it owns in Arcata, Fortuna and Ferndale.

Supervisors approved adding $34,313 to the current fiscal year's budget to cover the increases.

Veterans groups operate the facilities and pay for insurance, while the county maintains the halls and covers other costs.

And the amount of

VETS HALLS ❖ PAGE 9

Man arrested over online threats, hate

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – On Jan. 8, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call from an individual reporting he and his son had received several threatening and anti-Semitic messages on social media. Deputies determined that the messages were sent from 33-year-old Daniel Epperson of Arcata.


Daniel Epperson

An arrest warrant was issued for Epperson on Tuesday, March 5 for the following Penal Code violations: Threaten crime with intent to terrorize; violate civil rights by force or threat of force; annoy or harass with repeated electronic communication; violation of probation.

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Newsom backs Reconnecting Arcata land bridge

Arcata 1 of just 3 pilot 'lid' projects selected statewide

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – When first announced, almost as an afterthought at the Arcata Chamber's Jan. 25 State of the City event, the idea of a land bridge over U.S. Highway 101 connecting city and university was as eye-opening as it seemed outlandish.

Now, less than two months later, a pilot Reconnecting Arcata project is a Biden-Harris-Buttigieg/Newsom/Caltrans/Cal Poly/City of Arcata priority.

Though costly, it could be cost-effective – depending on the value you place on healing a historic scar on the land.

While ambitious on lots of levels, restoring the area's natural contours is intended to reverse a host of physical and

RECONNECTING ARCATA ❖ PAGE 7

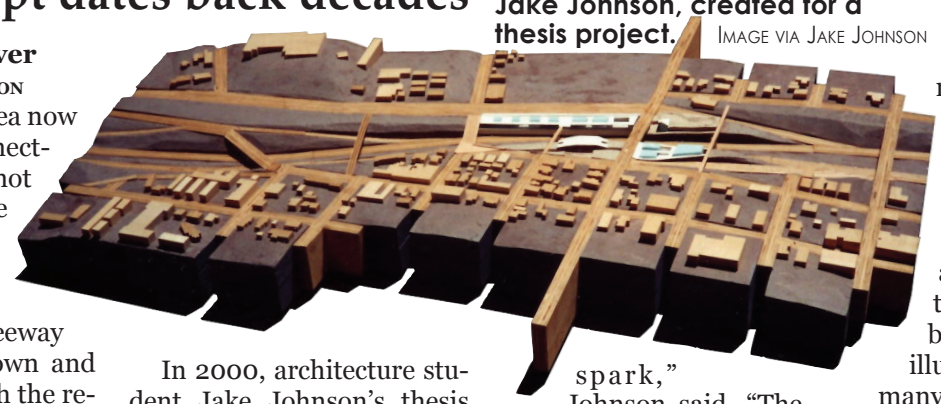


Audacious 101 cap an idea whose time has finally come

Basic concept dates back decades

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The idea now iterating as Reconnecting Arcata (RA) is not a new one. While we may never know who had the first reconnection brainwave, covering over the freeway that cuts through town and doing something with the reclaimed space has fired the imagination of dreamers for decades, and some of them drew up fairly detailed plans.


FROM 2000 A model by architect Jake Johnson, created for a thesis project. IMAGE VIA JAKE JOHNSON

In 2000, architecture student Jake Johnson's thesis project involved new installations over U.S. 101 in roughly the area selected for RA.

"I can't take credit for the spark," Johnson said. "The idea to improve connectivity had been floating around with friends and colleagues before I decided to take a look at it as a thesis project myself."

His idea involved new crossings and comparatively modest additions installed over U.S. 101 from 12th through 15th streets.

"It was student work and I would likely do things differently now, but it's a good way to illustrate that there are many ways to do a project like this," he said. "That's why iterative design studies are important."

101 CAP ❖ PAGE 7

Public may partake of newspaper history trove

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Having a treasure trove of local history fall into your lap is a rare and unexpected blessing, and a dream come true for any historian.

For Steve Lazar of the Humboldt County Historical Society, it was all that and a giant work assignment. The ensuing work, and the ideas it inspired, are now coming to fruition, and Lazar wants you to be a part of it starting this weekend.



WHAT A FIND Volunteer Andrew Freeman with a copy of the *Times-Standard* that includes a story about his cross-country bicycle trip in the 1990s. PHOTOS VIA STEVE LAZAR

In May 2020, the Eureka *Times-Standard* closed its Eureka print shop and began printing the paper in Chico. Its newspaper archive had to go and was at risk of being lost to the landfill. But that June, volunteers and staff from the Clarke Museum and the Historical Society joined forces to salvage the archive.



In September, 2022 the Timber Heritage Association agreed to have the collection temporarily stored at their Samoa facility. There, ample space and resources made processing the large collection possible.


Times-Standard
Arcata passes resolution opposing Iraq war
Council splits 3-2 over late-night decision
Evergreen: Water quality in check
HOT WHEELS
Governor completes drive on district measure

On digging in, volunteers found a morass of papers – bound, unbound with lots of duplicates. Though predominantly the T-S, limited copies of the *Redwood Times, Eureka Reporter, Humboldt Standard* and *Humboldt Beacon* were also discovered.

Despite the limited date range of the specimens – roughly 1995 through 2015, that slice of the timescale turns out to include some significant and relatable local history.

The trove is being organized, cataloged and boxed up for future digitization.

Lazar wants you to come out and see what his team has wrought. This Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at THA, 930 Vance Ave., Lazar invites the public to pick up free copies of the old papers and enjoy exhibits curated with iconic headlines from the last 30 years. The event repeats on Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, April 7.

humboldthistory.org
timberheritage.org

Cannabis permits revoked as county braces for 'impacts of contraction'

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – In what's believed to be an oncoming trend, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has revoked two cannabis farm permits and has dim hopes for site cleanups.


Mike Wilson

Supervisors took the punitive actions at their March 13 meeting, in hearings that included commentary on the decline of the local cannabis industry and its fallout.

County planning staff told supervisors a new 23,616 square-foot outdoor cannabis farm in Honeydew violated its permit conditions by operating without a state license and diverting water from a stream.

Board Chair Rex Bohn described illegal cannabis cultivation as harmful to the legal industry.

"As it was said to me, it's about time we start rewarding the people that have done everything right rather than putting a crutch out there for those that are just not wanting to play by the rules," he said.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said the failed Measure A ballot measure's premise of expansion of the local cannabis

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This is it: 8th and 9th going one-way

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – As planned, Eighth and Ninth streets will be converted from two-way travel to one-way travel between I and K streets as part of the Eighth and Ninth Streets Improvement Project. The conversion was scheduled to begin on Monday, March 18 with anticipated completion by Thursday, March 21, weather permitting.

Eighth and Ninth streets will be temporarily closed to through traffic between I and K streets while new pavement markings and striping are being installed for the conversion of the roadways to one-way travel. Residents and traffic going to and from businesses will have access during the closure; however, it may be limited at times and/or detours may be in place. Activities may take several days to complete depending on the weather. Once the new pavement markings and striping have been installed and existing new signage is uncovered, the streets will be re-opened with the new one-way travel configuration in phases as sections of the roadway are completed.

Changeable Message Signs (CMS) will be placed throughout the project area to provide additional notification and scheduling details for regular users of the roadways. Also, once the one-way conversion is in place, temporary signage will remain onsite for two weeks to help provide additional awareness and reminders of the new traffic pattern. Members of the community are encouraged to follow all safety directional signs and messages on the CMS.

Additional information about the project and traffic control changes will be posted online at the City's Active Construction webpage *cityofarcata.org/413/Current-City-Construction-Projects*. For information on the project's planning process, check out the City's Featured Project webpage at *cityofarcata.org/980/8th-and-9th-Street-Improvement-Project*.

HOME ELECTRIFICATION WORKSHOP Scurfield Electric, Heating & Solar offers a free Whole Home Electrification Workshop Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m at 550 South G St., Suite 14, Arcata,. For information and to sign up, czall (707) 825-0759. Home electrification is the process of transitioning appliances powered by natural gas or other fossil fuels to those powered by electricity. Learn what your first steps should be. Can you save money, will you be safer, is it really better for the environment? Call today to reserve your space and receive additional resources.

RCEA online electric rate seminar

RCEA

HUMBOLDT – Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is offering an online seminar on home electric rates Thursday, March 21 from 6 to 7 p.m.

This is a chance for customers to learn about how the rates to generate electricity have changed and how to lower your bill.

RCEA's Account Services Manager Sally Regli will explain ways to use less and spend less on energy.

She will demystify Time-of-Use rates, give you energy saving hacks, and show you programs that can reduce or help pay your bill.

You will also hear how RCEA's rebates can help you wean off fossil fuels and electrify your home. (Bring your energy-saving and fuel-switching questions!)

Email *info@RedwoodEnergy.org,* call (707) 269-1700 or visit *RedwoodEnergy.org/Events* for more information.

Call RCEA at (707) 269-1700 and a staff member can show you how PG&E and RCEA set rates. (They can decipher your electric bill, too.)

redwoodenergy.org/rate-changes-in-2024/

Avelo expands service to Hollywood-Burbank starting in June

FLY ACV

HUMBOLDT – Avelo Airlines has announced expanded air service between the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport (ACV) and the Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) to meet the growing demand for travel between these vibrant destinations.

Beginning Sunday, June 9, Avelo Airlines will operate five flights a week between Humboldt County and the Los Angeles area.

Expanded flights are scheduled to run through August on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, catering to the needs of travelers, including residents, business professionals, students and visitors.

Travelers can book their flights now at *aveloair.com*.

Enhanced air service comes as a result of the strong support for airline travel to Southern California from the Humboldt County community since Avelo began service at ACV in May 2021.

With the additional Avelo flights, ACV will have more seats available this summer to/from the Los Angeles area than ever before in the airport's history.

"We are thankful to our residents for supporting service to the Los Angeles area and thrilled Avelo is expanding its service to Humboldt County," said Cody Roggatz, director of aviation for the County of Humboldt. "The increased frequency of flights and added seat capacity signify Avelo's commitment to meeting the evolving needs of travelers and fostering connectivity for our region. We appreciate Humboldt continuing to Fly ACV."

To book a flight on Avelo Airlines, visit *aveloair.com*.

For more information on the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport, please visit *FlyACV.com*.

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Wednesday, March 13	00.00	38.46	33.59	30.16
Thursday, March 14	00.00	38.46	34.57	30.35
Friday, March 15	00.00	38.46	34.57	30.53
Saturday, March 16	00.00	38.46	34.57	30.72

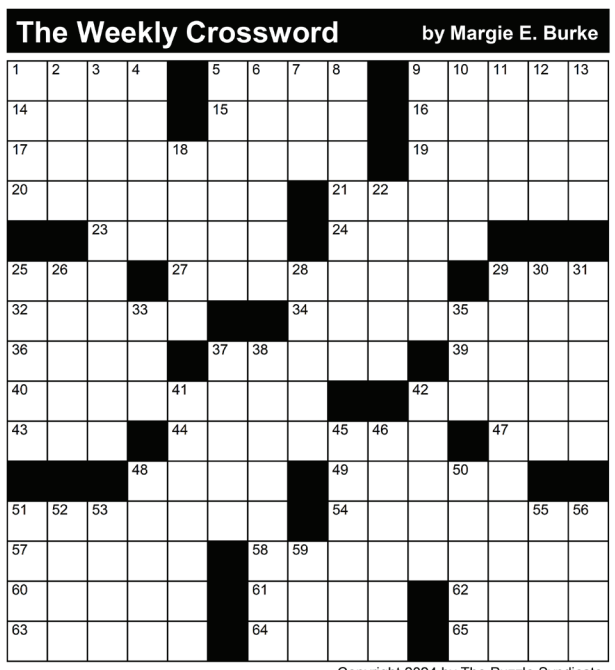
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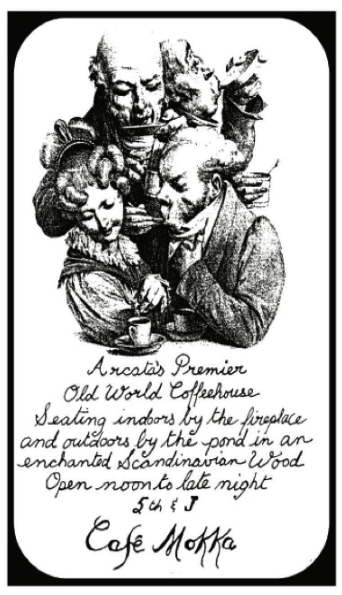
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1 Basil, e.g.
5 "Dark Angel" star Jessica
9 Brilliant display
14 Say it's so
15 Lumber defect
16 River by the Louvre
17 Dairy-farm equipment
19 Singer profiled in "Sweet Dreams"
20 Get a rise out of
21 Naples native
23 Wheel on a spur
24 Partners of gowns
25 Autumn mo.
27 Sheryl Crow song, "Can't Cry ____"
29 "Just as I thought!"
32 Fuss over oneself
34 Showed up for
36 Gives a hand
37 Not quite right
39 In the thick of
40 Turned loose
42 Stand for
43 Give it a whirl
44 Hoover rival
47 Elton John, e.g.
48 Root beer brand
49 Watermelon waste
51 Ms. magazine co-founder
54 Running back's stat
57 Long-___
58 Versatile, as a tool
60 Insect stage
61 Grimm story
62 Spanish custard
63 Mortise's mate
64 Regarded
65 Mobile home?

DOWN

1 Door securer
2 Anon's partner
3 Supposedly
4 Cry of approval
5 Greet the day
6 Johnny-come-____
7 Certain sib
8 Peachlike fruits
9 Coop flier
10 Prison units
11 Ovid's 53
12 Foster's "____ and the King"
13 Arcade patron
18 Martin's partner of old TV
22 Bakery treats
25 Eyeball benders
26 News source of yore
28 Eight a-milking, in song
29 Like some evidence
30 Klum of "Project Runway"
31 Viper
33 Oahu-to-Maui dir.
35 Get the drop on
37 Parenthetical comment
38 Chow-hall friend
41 Leave in the lurch
42 Ready
45 Musical run with four sharps
46 Did an axel, say
48 Muralist Rivera
50 "Rough" writing
51 Opening
52 Cell phone display
53 John, in Wales
55 Lean anagram
56 Shipped
59 Calendar box

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LIBRARY STORYTIME Like Mr. Rogers, the Arcata Branch Library believes it's a beautiful day in this neighborhood and will celebrate its helpers on Fred Rogers' birthday, Wednesday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to noon with a special Storytime at Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St.

Guest readers of *Gerald & Piggy* books are Chris Cooper, county librarian; Michelle Dobosh & Garrett Nada, Scoops Ice Cream; Oded Russo, City of Arcata Maintenance; Rene Chavez, trumpet teacher; Denny Dorsett, RN; Eureka Symphony musicians; and Ann Kilby, library volunteer.

In addition, Eureka Symphony Conductor Carol Jacobson has agreed to read and conduct children in a rhythm sticks song. (707) 822-5954.

CANNABIS AND SOCIAL EQUITY Cal Poly Humboldt's Cannabis Studies Program invites campus and community members to attend a special lecture on Cannabis and Social Equity by guest speaker Khalil Ferguson of the United Cannabis Opportunity Reinvestment and Equity (CORE) Alliance.

Ferguson's lecture "Achieving Social Equity in California: Obstacles in Business and Legislation" will take place Friday, March 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Goodwin Forum, Room 102 of Nelson Hall East on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. The room is located just east of the Library Circle and parking lot.

The event is free and open to all. The event is funded by a grant from the Cal Poly Humboldt Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. *cannabisstudieslab.com, cannabisstudieslab@gmail.com,* (206) 228-0509.

Solution to Crossword:

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FACELIFT The World's Largest Totem Pole in McKinleyville has a new paint job, new hat and lightning rod. Workers were nearly done with the rehab project last week. The pole was shortened last summer after wood rot was discovered near the top, necessitating the removal of the top three characters – Thunderbird, Redheaded Woodpecker and Coyote. That left Blue Jay as the top character, which was transformed into Thunderbird during the project. KLH | Union

Manila mourns loss of historic tank, but looks ahead

Jack Durham
Mad River Union

MANILA – Manila's landmark redwood water tank was torn down last week to make way for a larger and taller water tank designed to withstand earthquakes.

The 22-foot-tall redwood tank, located near Lupin Avenue and Park Street on the west side of State Route 255, has served the community since the late 1960s, providing 100,000 gallons of water storage in case of emergencies, fires or service interruptions.

The tank, emblazoned with the words "Manila Community Services District," also served as a landmark, letting visitors and passersby know that they were in the sandy outpost of Manila.

For Manila CSD Administrative Assistant Alisha Watson, the removal of the tank on March 14 brought back many memories.

"Today was very sad at least for me, the Water Tank has been there my entire life," Watson wrote on the district's Facebook page. "I grew up on the same street as the District Office, it was also my school bus stop, my grandfather was very involved in the district including the construction of the tank, my Dad also worked for the District, and I have been working for the District since 2005 with a brief absence. Although I do love change and all the new things to come I am very sad to see such a historic piece of local history gone."

The tank's removal is part of a roughly $2.5 million project to upgrade the town's water system.

Manila CSD Manager Chris Drop said that the tank will be replaced with a bolted steel glass-fused tank capable of holding 150,000 gallons. The entire pump station will be replaced and there will be numerous valve upgrades.

If all goes as planned, the project will be completed by late summer or early fall.

Drop credited the district's engineer, Brett Vivian of GHD, for obtaining state grant funds to pay for the project.

Drop noted that as part of Walund Construction's bid to remove the old water tank, the company took possession of the lumber.



TANKED Above, the old redwood water tank is demolished March 14 to make way for a gleaming new replacement, shown below in a rendering created by Manila Services District Manager Chris Drop. The new tank will be about 32 feet high, which is 10 feet taller than the old tank. Submitted photos



Trinidad council acts on latest vicious dog attack

Trinidad City Manager Eli Naffah reported at last week's City Council meeting that water pipe line replacement on Edwards Street will commence this week. Mercer-Fraser is the contractor.



Water leaks in the water system have been a concern for some time but the pipelines are steadily being upgraded with good results. A 250,000 gallon stainless steel water storage tank is one of the planned improvements. Coleman Engineering of Sacramento continues its contract to monitor the system. $670,800 has been paid to the firm during the past two and a quarter years.

The desire to hire less costly local T-2 or T-3 level water system personnel has been challenging but the City still is intent on that direction.

Meantime, a water rate study discussion will be on going. Mayor Cheryl Kelly said that the Water Advisory Committee is meeting earlier in the month and recommended that the council place on its agenda further consideration of the possibility of utilizing Humboldt Bay Water District infrastructure.

The city nanager said that the Axel Lindgren Jr. Memorial Trail should be repaired and open by July.

Mayor Kelly gave a very positive report on progress forming the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). There are 14 individuals who have participated in training with six more volunteers expected to join.

A May 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Disaster Preparedness Workshop is scheduled in the Town Hall. Mayor Kelly, Aaron Hakenen and Larry Goldberg lead the CERT efforts, which extend from Trinidad to Orick. One of first tangible projects is replacing a radio antennae at the Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department.

There has been another vicious dog-off-leash incident reported by Ted Pease. The council voted to authorize the creation of an Animal Control Advisory Committee with Councilmember Katie Breckenridge as chairman.

The City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Trinidad Library news

Book Buddies meets on Thursday, March 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Trinidad Library at Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive. Library manager Jan Kohl reminds readers to bring your own book to discuss with fellow book lovers.

"Crafternoon" takes place on Saturday, March 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Storytime is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. Game Night is set for Thursday, March 28 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Jan ordered some colorful new 1,000 piece puzzles, challenging for the most skilled puzzle enthusiast, to share. Call (707) 677-0227 for the latest library offerings.

Trinidad Native Plant Garden

The Native Plant Garden located behind Trinidad Museum is beginning to show exquisite spring blossoms. Stroll through the gardens any time. The vernal pond is full of frogs and their songs at dusk are a delight to hear.

Garden Co-Chairmen Ingrid Bailey and Mary Spinas Kline remind visitors to remain on the pathways and to please not throw any food into the pond. The frogs are entirely capable of finding their own nourishment.

Trinidad Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Volunteer docents always are pleased to welcome new and returning visitors.

Music at Moonstone Crossing

Moonstone Crossing winemakers Don Bremm and Sharon Hanks remind patrons to come by and enjoy live music every Sunday at 4 p.m. Hostess Hayley Halligan will welcome you to the relaxed wine tasting room at 529-B Trinity St.

Email Patti at *baycity@sonic.net*.

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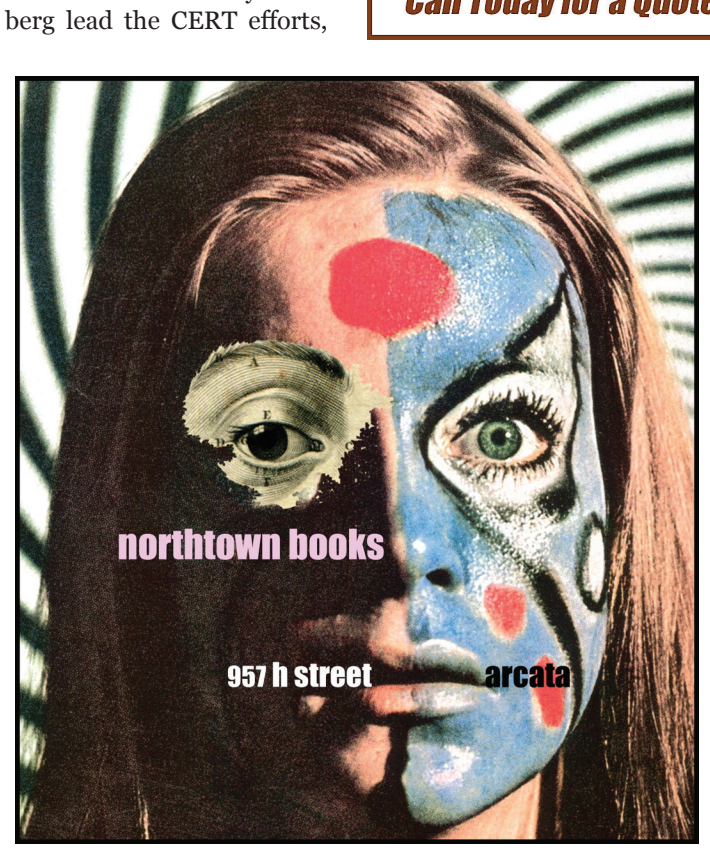
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RECONNECTERS Top row: Brandon Larsen, Caltrans District 1 Deputy Planning; Netra Khatri, city engineer, City of Arcata; Connie Stewart, director of Initiatives, Cal Poly Humboldt; Mike Fisher, associate vice president, Facilities Management, Cal Poly Humboldt; Caltrans Director Tony Tavares; Jenn Capps, vice president and provost, Cal Poly Humboldt; California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. Seated: City Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Mayor Meredith Matthews and City Councilmember Alex Stillman. PHOTO VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

EARLY ADOPTER Right, a letter of support for Reconnecting Arcata by State Sen. and Senate President Mike McGuire from September. His letter to the head of Caltrans advocating for the "bold and exciting idea" lays out the case for reconnection, and harmonized well with the community-building and equity goals set by Gov. Newsom and President Biden. Six months later, virtually all the powers that be are on board. VIA CITY OF ARCATA

California State Senate

SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

MAJORITY LEADER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT

September 15, 2023

Tony Tavares, Director
California Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Program

Dear Director Tavares:

I am writing to express my strong support of the City of Arcata's application to the Reconnecting Communities Program. This project is aligned with California's goals for transportation solutions that truly serve our communities. This project is worth every penny of critical funding.

The Reconnecting Arcata project will build on existing planning efforts with a focus on addressing mobility and accessibility needs that are currently disrupted by three state highways: US 101, SR 255, and SR 299. Solutions will be driven by public input which so far includes recommendations for a new transit center, a freeway cap and/or new freeway crossings, bike and pedestrian bridges, and active transportation improvements.

The State Highway System (SHS) is the largest barrier to mobility throughout Arcata. It separates Arcata residents from the Cal Poly Humboldt campus; it surrounds low-income, BIPOC, and student-housing neighborhoods, posing health risks and limiting active transportation options; it disrupts ecological corridors between the Arcata Community Forest, the Mad River, and Humboldt Bay; and it hampers development of affordable housing and mixed-use projects. Addressing these physical and socio-economic barriers will help build a more equitable Arcata.

The Reconnecting Arcata project is a bold and exciting idea that will strengthen connections between the Cal Poly Humboldt campus and the hub of Arcata. I wholeheartedly support this effort and hope to see its successful implementation. If our office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at (707) 445-6508.

Warmest regards,

MIKE McGUIRE
Senator

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Toffee is one happy fellow; volunteers needed

Just a short note this week as the Shelter Dog Easter Egg Hunt is awaiting! Our creative volunteers have such fun ideas. The recent valentine production raised almost $400, which can now be used as seed money for more fun enrichment ideas.

The shelter's 20th anniversary is coming up in June of this year and it would be nice to be able to spruce up our play yards before then, not that the dogs are too picky about appearances. As long as there are balls to chase, and tunnels and platforms to go through and over, they are pretty happy.



One happy fellow at the shelter is Toffee. Toffee is a little over a year old. He has been described by several volunteers as a bit of a clown but quite smart and easily trained. Toffee already knows Sit, Shake and Down. In the play yard he can entertain himself or enjoy playing fetch or tug with the volunteers. He seems to have some hound in his heritage which can be seen in his love of all things sniffable and in his bark, as well as his occasional desire to flop to the ground and roll.

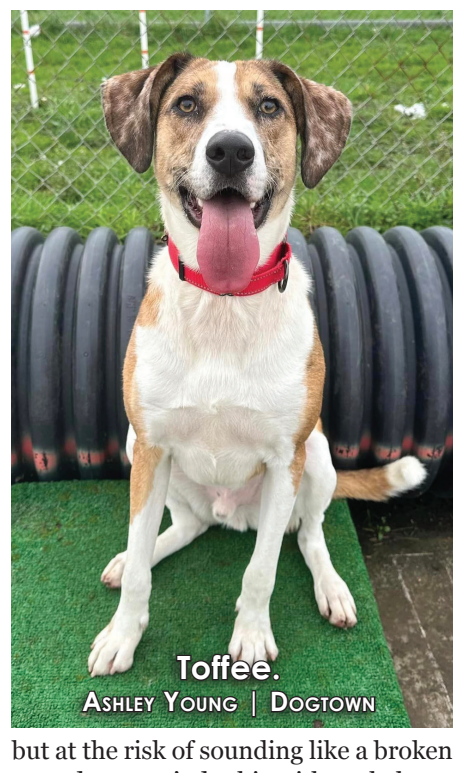
Toffee loves his treats and will do whatever is asked if there might be a little training treat in return. People meeting Toffee also comment on the great markings on his ears.

Toffee is neutered, microchipped, current on vaccinations and has been tested for heartworm. He weighs in at around 60 pounds and is available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, just west of the airport. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 840-9132 Monday through Friday.

Redwood Pals Rescue has been running at high speed for quite a while now! We are being asked daily to help with abandoned puppies, spays and neuters, impound fees, rehoming and vaccinations, among other requests for assistance.



All of us also work other jobs and volunteer at the shelter. People seem to like what we do, but at the risk of sounding like a broken record, we can't do this without help.



Have you considered fostering or volunteering? There are lots of ways to help. We can always use short- or longer-term fosters, people to help drive dogs to spay and neuter appointments, more volunteers to help at the shelter and more.

Please email us at *redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com* or call our voicemail at (707) 633-8842 for more information. We do have some great dogs up for adoption as well as some cute smaller breed puppies coming up very soon.

Follow us on Facebook to see what we are up to at any given time!



THANKFUL Mayor Meredith Matthews. SUBMITTED PHOTO

'I am thrilled for our city'

Remarks by Arcata Mayor Meredith Matthews at last week's announcement:

Good Afternoon, In the Spring of 1972, while still attending college at what is now Cal Poly Humboldt, Alex Stillman stepped up to run for the Arcata City Council, her first of many terms she would serve.

The City of Arcata was facing significant change including a Statewide initiative to build a six-lane freeway dividing the college campus from the heart of the town. While supporting growth, Alex still saw this project as one that would create a divide larger than any bus system or walking path could bridge and she ran her campaign under the platform of STOP AT 4 – attempting to limit the freeway to four lanes instead of the six lanes that were proposed.

She won both the election and the campaign to limit the freeway and she has worked tirelessly for the last 50 years to find ways to keep the town and university connected.

I am Arcata Mayor Meredith Matthews, who on behalf of our community is very thankful for the real partnership that has developed between the city, the university and Caltrans these past 10-plus years and the focus that Caltrans now brings to our partnership to support all modes of transportation and not just an auto-centric state.

Arcata resides on the unceded ancestral lands of the Wiyot Tribe. As we work to dismantle the history of settler colonialism, we recognize the role that the development of all our infrastructure played in the historic harm of displacing people, native and non-native. The potential to reconnect the two sides of Arcata through a land bridge will provide not only a seamless connection between the university and the city but one that is safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The land developed from this project will support shared priorities for the city, university and state and we are certain they will strengthen our economy and meet the demands of a growing region including new housing, mixed land uses, a transit hub and open space for all while reconnecting the forest on the eastside of the city to the Humboldt Bay shoreline.

We thank Governor Gavin Newsom, Director Tony Tavares, our local Caltrans Representative Brandon Larson and the Caltrans/Cal Poly team who worked together to move this project forward.

I am thrilled for our city but I am especially happy to share in this moment with our very own, Alex Stillman, who is here with us today and who is again 50 years later, serving our community as the vice mayor.

New housing, land uses, multimodality, a transit hub and open space for all

City Engineer Netra Khatri's remarks

The City of Arcata has made a commitment to the community to acknowledge that the lands they are located on are the unceded ancestral lands of the Wiyot tribe. This acknowledgment seeks to aid in dismantling the legacy narratives of settler colonialism.

The City of Arcata believes that the opportunity to remove the barriers discussed in our application will aid in fulfilling this mission.

We are very excited about this potential opportunity to reconnect the Arcata Community by removing the barriers created by transportation infrastructures.

The proposed community connectivity projects will provide opportunities for new housing, mixed land uses, multimodal improvements, a transit hub and open space for all.

Implementing the proposed improvements throughout the project areas will respond to the community's clear desire to reconnect the community with high quality non-automobile transportation options, partially reconnect a long-severed street grid in the core of Arcata (AKA Highway LID, CAP TOP), add affordable and student housing in a community that is undergoing a housing crisis, and reconnect the forest and greenspaces east of the city to the Humboldt Bay shoreline.

The proposed projects are in line with the goals and vision of the Reconnecting Communities Highway to Boulevards Pilot Program, these projects have the potential to reduce historical harm caused by the freeway by addressing community needs, including protecting Arcata residents from displacement, increasing Arcata's housing stock, new safe low-stress multimodal connections, expanding affordable housing and resources for the unhoused, uniting neighborhoods and promoting neighborhood vitality, stability and health.

We would like to thank the Caltrans team and the community partners for providing this amazing opportunity to create a safe community space and connections for all users.

And looking forward to working with the whole project team and community in this monumental project that will change the landscape of the community for future generations.

Reconnecting Arcata | Pilot project

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social distortions the deep asphalt and concrete gash has imposed on the town.

Despite its possible 10-figure cost, plus regulatory and practical challenges, the creation of a whole new Arcata neighborhood over the freeway now looks very possible, perhaps even probable.

But is it a bridge, a cap or a lid?

However the name shakes out, backers see the freshly forged five acres over the freeway as a blank canvas upon which to correct a historic wrong, recreate and redefine Arcata anew with lessons learned.

The "land bridge" would be constructed over the freeway between 14th and 17th Street to physically reconnect the town. Last week's news releases were heavy on policy and overarching goals, but light on details, including the ultimate cost.

Those aspects will be ascertained as part of the pilot study, while the composition of the new neighborhood located atop the cap will be developed via a public process.

The 40,000-foot view came from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, which announced that $236.9 million was available for locally-led projects designed to reconnect communities in California as part the Biden administration's Investing in America Agenda.

The DOT announcement said that more than 130 communities in 41 states and Washington, DC would draw from $3.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act funding "to stitch back communities by capping highways, adding new transit routes, adding sidewalks, bridges, bike lanes and more."

The funding is aimed at "reconnecting communities cut off by transportation infrastructure decades ago, leaving entire neighborhoods without direct access to opportunity, like schools, jobs, medical offices and places of worship."

The news release listed 17 projects in California that will see funding, three of which involve freeway caps. Arcata's project wasn't mentioned.

Gov. Newsom's announcement went into more detail on the freeway caps, listing Arcata, South San Francisco and southeast San Diego/National City as having been selected for pilot Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards projects.

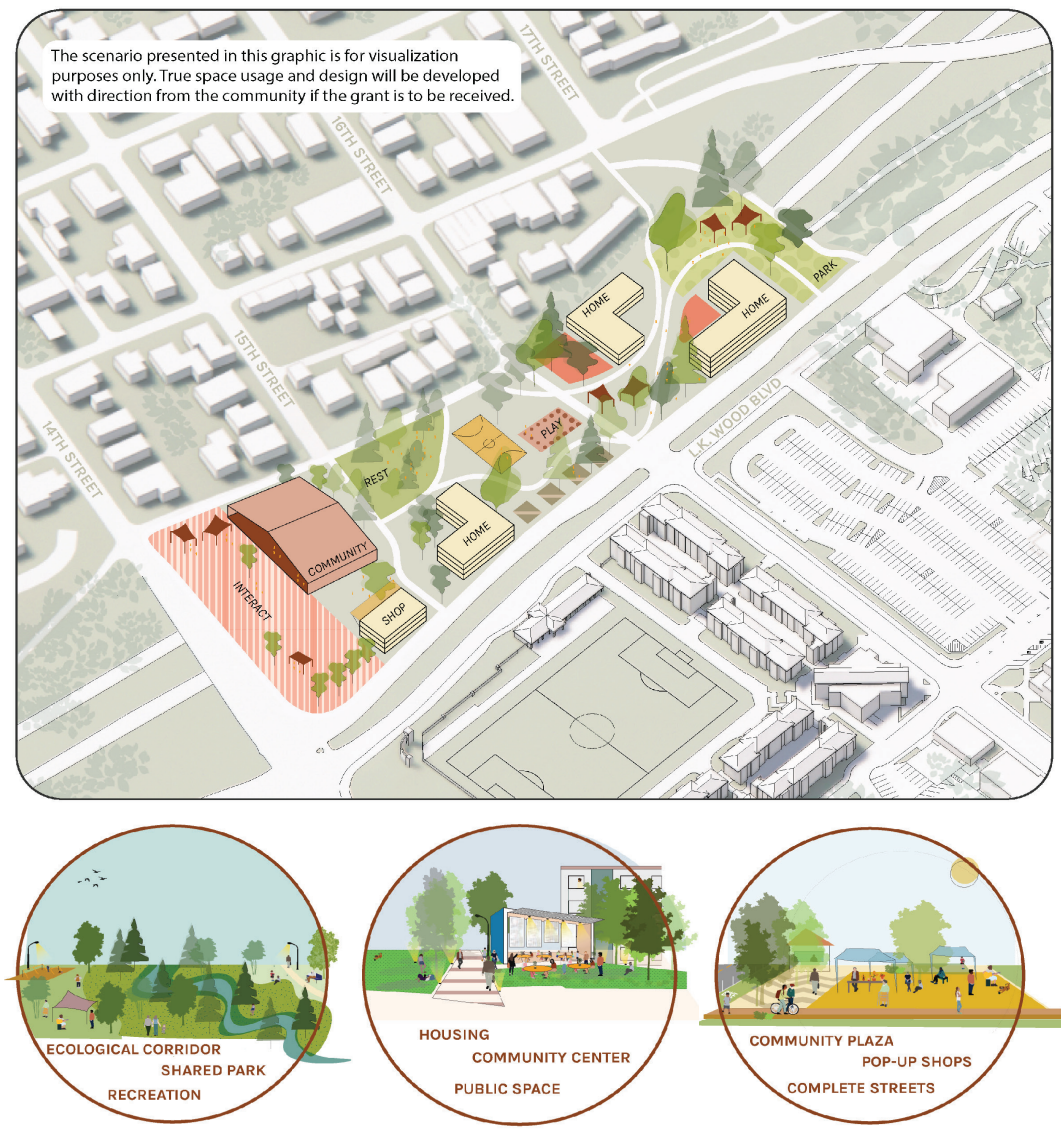
"California is once again leading the way to repair the shameful history of redlining and other exclusionary policies of the past. We are advancing equity in historically underserved and underinvested areas through a community-driven vision to reconnect neighborhoods and support more vibrant spaces for Californians," Newsom said.

Under the pilot program, Caltrans will assist the selected communities in working from concept to project delivery on a community-driven vision to reconnect their neighborhoods. This includes helping obtain additional grant support for project completion.

"Caltrans will begin engaging partners in all three cities, including community-based organizations to develop, plan and ultimately build projects that address the historic transportation inequities by connecting transit, housing, jobs, parks and open spaces through community-based transportation planning, design, demolition and/or reconstruction," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

Cal Poly's news release outlined the university's interest in the reconnect.

"This project aligns with our commitment to equity, developing smarter, valuing people, protecting the environment and defining ourselves by who we include and not who we exclude," Provost Jenn Capps said. "This project helps us to continue to transform Humboldt into a great place to study and a wonderful place to stay and build a career. We are grateful to work in partnership with the City of Arcata and Caltrans and look forward to continued robust community engagement."



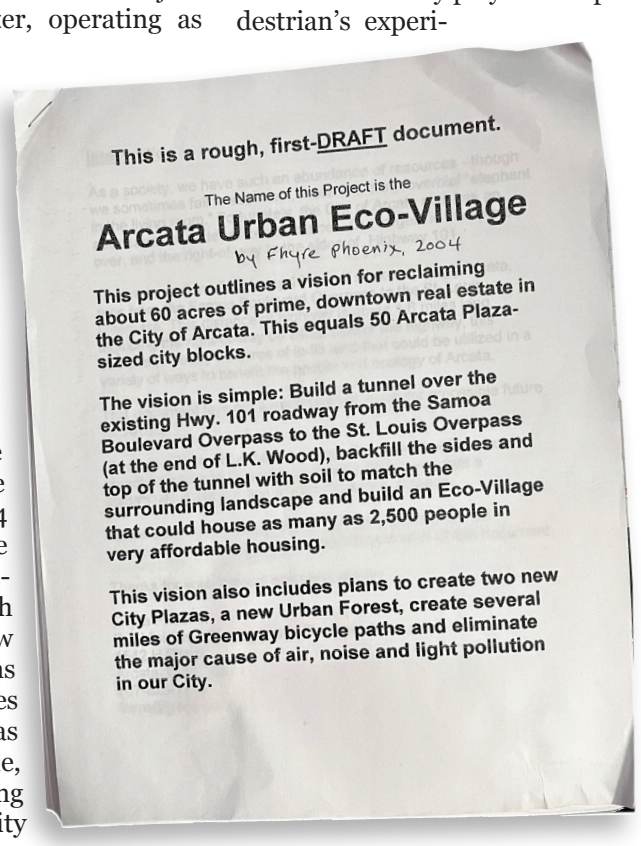
POSSIBILITIES **An illustration from the City of Arcata's successful grant application depicts the location and some of the development possibilities for the new, 5-acre plot of land in central Arcata. The final layout will be decided via public scoping.**

Via City of Arcata

101 cap | Long-held dream of healing town's divide now an official project

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Another, separate and far more ambitious iteration, was conceived by free-lance visionary and occasional lone voice in the wilderness Fhyre Phoenix just a few years later, operating as "Pro-Visionary Concepts and Designs."


This is a rough, first-DRAFT document.

The Name of this Project is the

Arcata Urban Eco-Village

by Fhyre Phoenix, 2004

This project outlines a vision for reclaiming about 60 acres of prime, downtown real estate in the City of Arcata. This equals 50 Arcata Plaza-sized city blocks.

The vision is simple: Build a tunnel over the existing Hwy. 101 roadway from the Samoa Boulevard Overpass to the St. Louis Overpass (at the end of L.K. Wood), backfill the sides and top of the tunnel with soil to match the surrounding landscape and build an Eco-Village that could house as many as 2,500 people in very affordable housing.

This vision also includes plans to create two new City Plazas, a new Urban Forest, create several miles of Greenway bicycle paths and eliminate the major cause of air, noise and light pollution in our City.

He foresaw an "Arcata Urban Eco-Village" built on an even longer freeway cap stretching all the way from Samoa Boulevard to St. Louis Road. A 36-page document he created in 2004 would populate the newly created 60 acres with a forest, two new Plazas, bike paths and small homes for as many as 2,500 people, plus walking paths, community orchards, recreation areas – and no roads.

As with today's plans, Phoenix saw benefit in "healing the physical rift" through town. He offered background during a recent Jefferson Public Radio interview.

"Up until 1967, Highway 101, when it came to Arcata, just went up to G Street," Phoenix told JPR. "And then starting in 1967, Caltrans came in with a project to build a regular highway. And so it bisected the city, leaving the university and the community forest and Redwood Park on one side of the highway, and the rest of the town on the other side of the highway. And that has really had an impact these last several decades, as far as keeping the general townspeople and the student population sort of separate. And for a long time, we've wanted to bridge that gap."

Architect Johnson is glad to see RA finally being pursued.

"I'm very happy to see the idea studied by the city," he said. "Reconnecting the urban fabric of Arcata is a worthy goal which would benefit the city and its institutions in a number of ways."

Benefits listed by Johnson include:

• Robust physical connectivity between Cal Poly and the downtown areas – hopefully leading to better municipal/institutional cooperation.

• A reduction and repurposing of disused slivers of land that are not benefiting the neighborhoods they abut.

• A better circulation network between the east and west sides of town.

• A reduction in the prominence the freeway plays in the pedestrian's experience of the city

• More available area for development of public and private uses.

• An option for growth that does not move into the hills or bottoms.

• More density in the downtown area without removing existing structures.

"There are many options for how to achieve this goal of infilling over the freeway, each with their own pluses or minuses," Johnson noted. "I'm glad City staff and others are dreaming a little about what the City could be instead of accepting the fate dealt by transportation planners of old when 101 was trenched through the middle of town."

The 2020s revival

The current project originated with Caltrans a couple of years ago, according o City Engineer Netra Khatri. A big problem for Arcata, from a transportation point of view, is the freeway bisecting town, with its numerous dead ends and limited ways to go from east to west.

"People are not able to use their bicycles and walk," he said, "and there are multiple examples of that." He cited inaccessible or substandard walkways over the freeway at the seven or so crossings.

Caltrans proposed a collaboration between itself, the city and Cal Poly. Khatri said it was "perfect timing," what with the university doing master planning.

"We worked together and were able to put a good grant application together," he said.

Khatri said he'd heard that talk of the cap went back as far as the 1970s. When he became aware of Johnson's seminal study, he rang up the architect and together they walked the area.

"It made perfect sense," Khatri said.

He said the Transportation Safety Committee was briefed on the project, as was transportation guru Dan Burden during his Arcata visit several months ago, and he liked the idea.

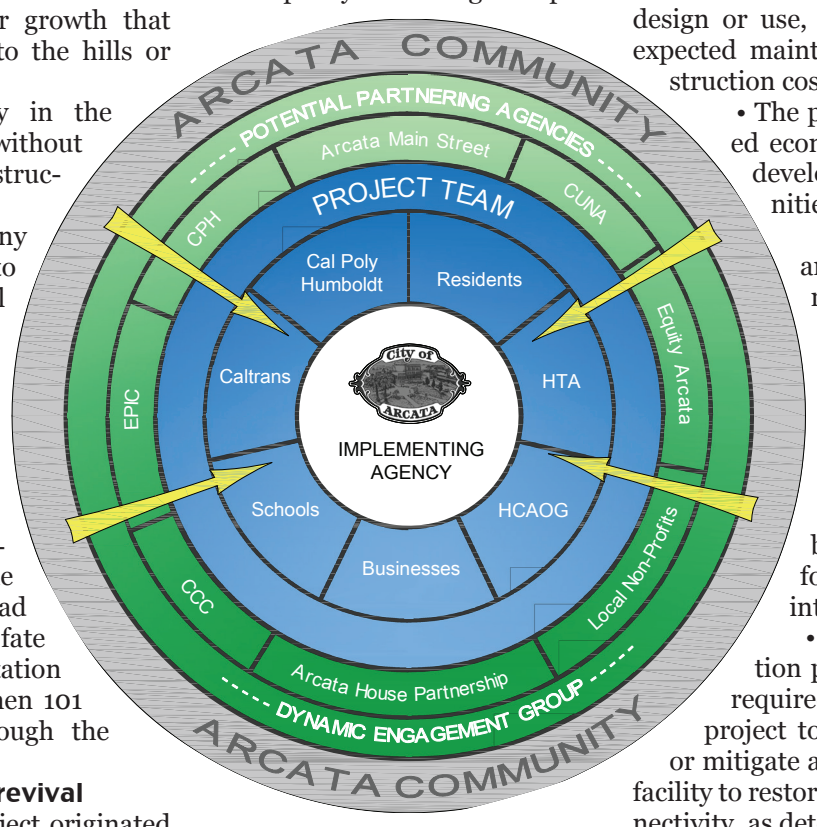
Planning

As for the upcoming pilot project, the DOT lists eligible planning activities to assess the feasibility of removing, retrofitting or mitigating an existing eligible dividing facility to reconnect communities. These include assessments of:

• Current traffic patterns on the facility and the surrounding street network.

• Capacity of existing transportation networks to maintain mobility needs.

• Alternative roadway designs or other uses for the right-of-way including green infrastructure or other nature-based solutions.



CAP COLLAB **A mandala-like org chart from the city's project application, showing all the participants and stakeholders involved in shaping the future land bridge.**

Image via City of Arcata



AERIAL VIEW **A graphic image displayed at least week's ceremony.**

Image via Alex Stillman

• The project's anticipated impact on mobility of freight and people.

• The project's anticipated impact on safety.

• The estimated cost to restore community connectivity and to convert the facility to a different design or use, compared to any expected maintenance or reconstruction costs.

• The project's anticipated economic impact and development opportunities.

• The project's anticipated environmental, public health, and community impacts. Public engagement activities, including community visioning or other place-based strategies for public input into project plans.

• Other transportation planning activities required in advance of a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility to restore community connectivity, as determined by DOT.

Considerations such as the stakeholders' jurisdiction over the newly created areas and other legalities, will have to be figured out once plans are at a more advanced stage, Khatri said. He considers Caltrans' early involvement and support key to making things happen. The large, sometimes ponderous agency doesn't have to be convinced of the unusual project's efficacy – it's already an advocate.

Khatri said there are no unique engineering challenges or new technology required to create a freeway cap. In fact several have been constructed and are operating now, including the $118 million Presidio Tunnel Top and Boston's $8 billion "Big Dig," or Central Artery/Tunnel Project, which created more than 300 acres of open land and more than 45 new parks and plazas.

If Arcata's project is successful, it could come to look more like Phoenix's more expansive vision, as the reclamation and reinvention could extend farther north and south along the 101 corridor through town.

History goes full circle

Historian Matina Kilkenny has given public lectures on "the Glutch" – the fondly remembered Arcata neighborhood once located along the gulch/ditch that was obliterated without a trace when the infernal engines of freeway construction rolled through.

She was overjoyed to hear the healing idea behind the freeway cap.

"When the freeway went through in the early '70s, there were those who protested," Kilkenny recalled. "One early morning, the day of the 'freeway dedication', a surreptitious trio from the Stop at Four committee stenciled on the three highway bridges the words 'Speed and Greed Memorial Freeway.' When told about the Reconnecting Arcata vision, one of the forever-unnamed perpetrators jumped for joy and exclaimed, 'The Caltrans Canyon will be beautiful again'!"

SCENE



HORSE MOUNTAIN celebrates spring with a concert Saturday, April 6 in Blue Lake. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Soul-stirring melodies with Horse Mountain in Blue Lake

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Feel the coming of spring when Dell'Arte International hosts string band Horse Mountain in concert on Saturday, April 6. The show is at 8 p.m. in the Carlo Theater in downtown Blue Lake; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Audience is 21 and over, with drinks and snacks available at the concessions booth.

Nestled in the heart of Humboldt County, Horse Mountain has emerged as a beacon of Americana string band music, embodying the spirit of their lush, fog-laden surroundings. The quintet, known for their soul-stirring melodies and rich, earthy harmonies, draws inspiration from the ancient forests and rugged coastlines that embrace their home.

Band members include Alexia Neal (vocals, guitar), Jake Burns (lead guitar/ B-bender, vocals) , Cam Trujillo (electric bass, vocals), John Callahan (rhythm guitar), and Ari Maello (banjo).

To purchase tickets, $20, visit our website at *dellarte.com*.



SOLO SHOWCASE Instructor Michelle Matlock In *The Mammy Project*. Her students will take the stage on Saturday, March 30 in Blue Lake. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Solo Showcase at Dell' Arte

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International presents an evening of student work on Saturday, March 30 at 8 p.m. at 131 H St. in Blue Lake.

The Solo Showcase includes works created and performed by the 2024 school's Solo Performance Intensive participants with instructor Michelle Matlock.

"The only requirement is that you bring an idea. It can be a prop, a movement, a lesson plan, a speech, a poem, a word, a thought," said Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre Faculty and Cirque du Soleil star Michelle Matlock about the show.

It takes a lot to put yourself out there—even more so when you are the only one onstage. The performers in this group work for an intense two weeks to develop their idea into a solo performance piece. What does it take to bring your vision to life? To command the stage? How will you bring your audience along?

The performance is a short evening of excerpts from works-in-progress and is one night only! The audience is the critical ingredient at this stage of development. Some themes and content may be inappropriate for younger audiences—we don't know yet! The work will be developed over the course of the program.

Advance tickets, $10 each, are recommended. Get them today at *dellarte.com*.

Matlock (she/they) is a performing artist, teacher, producer, director and creative coach. Most recently she was awarded a 2023 NEA grant through KCFringe Presents to revive her critically acclaimed solo show, *The Mammy Project*. Her solo show has traveled to universities and theaters across the United States, Canada and South America. She has been performing for over 20 years and has had the pleasure of creating original characters for Cirque du Soleil, Circus Amok, and Bindlestiff Family Cirkus.

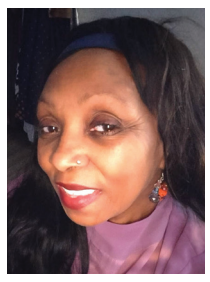
Other notable experiences have been teaching as adjunct faculty at Dell'Arte International, Clown Gym, Laughter League and directing the clowns of Circus Bella in San Francisco. Michelle currently resides in Tacoma, Washington.

'Have a wonderful Hallelujah time' at Morris Graves

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART

EUREKA – Visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, for an afternoon of inspiring music on Saturday, March 23 at 3 p.m. for "Paula Jones at the MGMA: Testify!"

Gather in the rotunda and cultivate hope, peace, love and gratefulness with community and friends during this celebration of Spring, rebirth and renewal! Paula will share the story of her recent car accident and speak to the healing power of "love source."At this "gathering built on love" Paula will be joined by other local musicians and vocalists (to be announced!).



Paula Jones

Paula Jones grew up singing with her five sisters with her father, the Reverend Asbury Paul Jones at the New Hope Baptist in Sacramento.

At age 11 she started performing in musical theatre. She fronted her own band in Sacramento, and had one of her original songs in the movie *Rumble Fish*.

A premier soloist for the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, she has been featured on a PBS concert special.

Her style mixes the spiritual intensity of the gospel with the subtle creativity of jazz and the driving rhythms of R&B.

Her stream of consciousness delivery always entrances audiences wherever she performs.

"Listeners can expect well-dressed performers, movement, dance, spirituality and an abundance of gratitude. Let us gather in Love and Hope and have a wonderful 'Hallelujah time'," said Paula Jones.

Evo Fanucchi to be grand marshal in Rhodie Parade

OLD TOWN ROTARY CLUB OF EUREKA

EUREKA – The Old Town Rotary Club of Eureka is proud to announce the 2024 Annual Rhododendron Parade on Saturday, April 27. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Seventh and E streets in Eureka.

This year's parade theme is "The Roaring Twenties" and will celebrate the great decade of the 1920s and the Grand Marshall, Evo Fanucchi, who will be turning 104 years old in September. Evo Fanucchi was born Sept. 22, 1920 and raised in Old Town.

Evo began working at the age of 14 delivering newspapers in Old Town and started bartending at Roy's Club on his 21st birthday. Roy's Club was a fixture in Old Town for 76 years with Evo and his wife Catherine operating the restaurant initially with his brother Roy and then together since 1991. Evo has been an Old Town supporter, served in the U.S. Navy and the Eureka community.

Community groups, businesses, individuals and schools are invited to participate in the 2024 parade and there is no entry fee required. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- Rhododendron Trophy – Best use of flowers/vegetation
- Sweepstake Trophy – Most Beautiful
- Mayor's Trophy – Most Original
- Grand Marshal's Trophy – Best use of Parade theme

School and community bands are invited to participate for cash awards to all entries.

Visit the *EurekaRhodyParade.com* website to complete an application and find out more information.

THAT 1 GUY performs Thursday, March 21 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. With an extensive track record of imaginative performances featuring his curious instrument and copious amounts of originality, Mike Silverman, aka That1Guy, has set himself apart as a true one-of-a-kind talent that rivals any other artist currently in the entertainment industry. With the addition of magic in his live shows, he has legitimately achieved an all-inclusive audio/visual performance. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $18 in advance and $20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*



AK'CHAMEL, THE GIVER OF ILLNESS performs Thursday, March 21 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Ak'chamel, The Giver of Illness is an enigmatic duo from a border state, "Fourth World Post-Colonial Cultural Cannibalists Circumcising The Foreskin of Enlightenment." Performing in homemade costumes and masks, they have played festivals in various cities around the U.S. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $5-$10 on a sliding scale at the door. (707) 630-5000, *richardsgoat.com*

JEFF LANDEN performs Thursday, March 21 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local slide guitar virtuoso Jeff Landen shows off his repertoire. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $5 at the door. (707) 668-5000, *loggerbar.com/events*

THE BUMP FOUNDATION performs Saturday, March 23 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Humboldt County's homegrown Bump Foundation plays originals and also classics from funk, soul, jazz and rock 'n' roll. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $10 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

THE BAYOU SWAMIS perform Friday, March 22 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. The Bayou Swamis have stolen the funky zydeco dance beats from the swamps of Louisiana and planted firmly in the marshes of Humboldt County. For decades they have featured a repertoire of Cajun two-steps, zydeco stomps, and a greasy, down-home dollop of original music by Jeff Landen. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $5 at the door. (707) 668-5000, *loggerbar.com/events*

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS perform Friday, March 22 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin' it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

THE CRITICS perform Saturday, March 23 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. The Critics are a Humboldt County group of four best friends (two are brothers) that started messing around in the family music room in 2019. They quickly realized there was some real talent with this group and they refined their alternative rock sound with several original songs and covers of some of their favorite bands, The Artic Monkeys and Interpol. Also with Jacki & The Jollies and Under Utopia. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. (707) 630-5000, *arcatatheatrelounge.com*

J.B BARTON & CO. performs Saturday, March 23 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. J.B. Barton hails from the foothills of Poway in San Diego County. J.B. has shared the stage with many notable artists, including David Grisman, Brothers Comatose, Fantastic Negrito and Duckworth. The songs that J.B. writes tell the tales of an outlaw searching for sanctuary in a world. With Mule Ranch and Sequoia Rose. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $15 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

THE ZARA PLUS ONE IMPROV SHOW will take place Saturday, March 23 at the EXIT Theatre at 890 G St., second floor, Arcata. Zara Henerson will bring her long-form improv duo show to the EXIT stage for the fourth time featuring special guest Joe Salas, a Peruvian-born improviser hailing from the distant land of Orange County. For the second half the Real Sisterwives of Humboldt will perform a long-form improv set. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $10 in advance or at the door. (415) 203-2516, *theexit.org*

PORCELAIN DOG performs Saturday, March 23 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Come out and support local music in an evening of local bands, with Porcelain Dog ("loser rock"), Linus (alternative trio), and the enigmatic BLUB ("we are what we wanna be"). Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $5-$10 on a sliding scale at the door. (707) 630-5000, *richardsgoat.com*

WILD ABANDON performs Saturday, March 23 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Wild Abandon likes to play indie folk noise music, and has some pretty harmonies, phat bass lines and tantalizing lead guitar part. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

FLYNN MARTIN performs Saturday, March 23 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Avenue, McKinleyville. Soulful and acoustic, local Humboldt County duo Flynn Martin play familiar favorites with passion. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, *sixriversbrewery.com*

SPOON BENDERS perform Tuesday, March 26 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Spoon Benders are a progressive psych-rock powerhouse that has been relentlessly crisscrossing the United States, supporting notable acts such as Frankie and The Witch Fingers, L7, Fuzz, Meatbodies, Deap Vally, Death Valley Girls and The Paranoyds. In 2023, they unleashed their sophomore album to resounding acclaim. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door. (707) 630-5000, *richardsgoat.com*

COMING UP

- Derek Moneypenny at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m.
- The New Pelicans at Wrangletown Cider Company, Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m
- Poor Man's Whiskey at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, April 5, 9 p.m
- Ott at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, April 20, 9 p.m.
- Sister Carol at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, April 26, 9 p.m
- The California Honeydrops at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Sunday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Contraction

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industry has it backwards.

"I think what we're really gonna be dealing with here is the environmental impacts of contraction, not expansion," he continued. "Even though we could have all the requirements in the world to clean up sites, if those sites no longer have the ability to generate revenue, there isn't anything to pay for that cleanup and it devalues those properties to such an extent that we're gonna see more and more abandonments."

Wilson vouched for "a programmatic way" to restore sites. "This is a harbinger," he said. "Because expansion is not the issue for us – this is what we're gonna see."

"We saw this coming," said Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, who said "appropriate thinning" can be done on former cannabis properties to generate revenue from logging.

"This is long overdue and it's just the start of this board trying to reel in this stuff," he said of the revocation.

It was approved unanimously.

Supervisors also unanimously approved the revocation of a permit for a similarly-sized cannabis farm in the Bridgeville area.

According to a staff report, 10 of 16 conditions of approval haven't been and there are violations related to solid waste and junk cars.

Saying he knows "the folks from the cannabis industry don't want to hear these words," Wilson floated the idea of a new state-level consumer tax to fund cleanups.

"We have to think about what the revenue source is gonna be to address this," he said.

Epperson | Prior encounters

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On Sunday, March 10 at about 3 p.m., deputies arrested Epperson on the warrant in the 500 block of E Street.

He was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

It wasn't Epperson's first run-in with the law. Crime blogger John Chiv *(johnchiv.blogspot.com)* documents several prior incidents.

According to Chiv, Epperson has three prior DUI cases in 2014, 2016 and 2023, according to Chiv's research.

A restraining was order granted against him in 2014.

In 2015, he was arrested by Arcata Police Department on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a billy club after a violent downtown incident.

On April 21 of that year, APD received responded to a report of people fighting in Tavern Alley, with one man armed with a bat.

There, police found several people standing around next to an unconscious man lying on the ground.

The knocked-out male was later identified as Epperson, then age 24.

Witnesses said that Epperson, who none of them knew, had approached them in the alley and become argumentative and aggressive.

During the argument, Epperson took out a bat that had been made into a billy club and started hitting one of the subjects with it. The victim was struck several times on the head.

When someone started to head to a nearby open business to report the assault, Epperson reportedly followed the subject and confronted him with the bat.

The subject, fearing for his safety, punched him one time and knocked him out.

Epperson refused medical service amd was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and and possession of a billy club.

The victim was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The case was eventually dismissed after Epperson's deferred entry of judgment was successful.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Arcata Veterans Hall offers its Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Stewart Park, Saturday, March 23 starting at 2 p.m., with the hunt set for 2:30 p.m. This year's hunt features 4,000 candy-filled eggs! There will also be face-painting, food, kid games and fun for the whole family! Stewart Park is located adjacent to the Veterans Hall at 1425 J St.

Vets Halls | Arcata Hall a rich, resilient community resource

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utility payments – particularly heating – isn't the only thing that needs to catch up with the times.

"What's outdated isn't just what's being paid but the actual systems that we're talking about – the heating systems, the insulation, the efficiency – those are all very outdated too," said Supervisor Mike Wilson.

Wilson vouched for installation of energy-efficient units like heat pumps and solar arrays.

Board Chair Rex Bohn said modernization is a "great idea" that's challenged by the county's limited financial capability.

But he added, "I would like to see better answers from all of us when we ask about getting something done at a hall and how we're gonna work to get it done, rather than reasons we're not getting it done."

Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, a board member of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), said she'd enthusiastically help coordinate efforts to get grants for energy upgrades.

Bohn supported working with the RCEA on grants and said he'd "like to see if we can do it quicker than we get a lot of things done."

There was discussion about adding community event availability to the contracts and during a public comment period, Kevin Buchanan, the first vice commander at the Arcata Veterans Hall, said it's already happening and "we do open it up for free to the public when we can."

That includes "free family events," like the upcoming Easter egg hunt.

Supervisors nodded to the social importance of vets halls.

Wilson said he lives a block away from the Arcata hall and described it as "a community center of sorts, in my neighborhood and extending far beyond the town of Arcata."

The memorial halls go beyond serving veterans, he continued and veterans "enjoy that part of community service – their community service didn't just end, it's actually in a new stage."

Wilson noted the Arcata hall's potential to become an extreme weather shelter – he said a collaboration with Arcata House is in discussion stages – but added, "At the same time, it's an old building and needs help in so many ways and utilities has been a big part of that."

He said Arcata veterans have told him "they want to participate more, not just as an extreme weather shelter, but also being available in times of need for the community in general," he said, "And in order to do that, the facility itself has to be a resilient space, as self-reliant as possible."

But the order of the day was the decision on paying the vets halls bills.

During the public comment period, there was mixed opinion on whether veterans should manage utility accounts or have the county do it.

Supervisors directed staff work out agreements with the vets groups on the option they prefer and unanimously approved the increase.

Legal Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00142
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HIGHGRADE DISTRIBUTION
1551 NURSERY WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
.COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JEDI HOLDINGS INC.
CALIFORNIA 4550525
1551 NURSERY WAY C
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/CRAIG NEJEDLY
PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH12, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JC/DEPUTY CLERK
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00134
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KELSIE'S PET SERVICES,
BLACK GOAT PROVISIONS
2874 PIGEON POINT ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503
.COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
KELSIE D. HUBICK
2874 PIGEON POINT ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/KELSIE HUBIK
INDIVIDUAL OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 8, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00082
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MISTY MOUNTAIN FLORA
536 WARREN CREEK ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
.COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MARCIA F. DAVIS
536 WARREN CREEK ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/MARCIA F. DAVIS
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00140
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MOONSTONE IN BLOOM
724 FERNCREST RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DEVON L. VAN DAM
724 FERNCREST RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/DEVON VAN DAM
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 11, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00093
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LIMINAL GOOD AND SERVICES
822 G STREET, SUITE 5
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 474
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
KEVIN B. SHARKEY
822 G STREET, SUITE 5
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/KEVIN B. SHARKEY
SOLE PROPRIETOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 20, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00131
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WHITE LOTUS CULTURAL DANCERS
539 G ST. STE 105
EUREKA, CA 95501
P.O. BOX 365
EUREKA, CA 95502
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT SKATEPARK COLLECTIVE
CA 2359463
2437 E. COCHRAN RD
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/CHARLES E. CALDWELL
PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MARCH 7, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00123
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MINTY MOLARS MARKETING
4991 VAN DYKE CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 182
SAMOA, CA 95564
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JULIO C. SANDOVAL
4991 VAN DYKE CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JULIO C. SANDOVAL
SOLE PROPRIETOR/INDIVIDUAL
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 29, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/6

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00107
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MOUNTAIN OF MERCY MISSION FARM
50525 MATTOLE ROAD
HONEY DEW , CA 95545
P.O. BOX 55
HONEY DEW , CA 95545
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MISSION TEENS, INC.
NJ 3052562
103 CHESTNUT STREET
AUDUBON, NJ 08106
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S/STEPHEN R. SCHWARTZ
CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00105
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LASER WOOD CRAFT
775 WESTGATE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MARK C. RILEY
775 WESTGATE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
RITA T. WALSH
775 WESTGATE DRIVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE
S/MARK C. RILEY
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00042
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOST COAST AQUATICS
1681 HIDEAWAY CT. A
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
P.O. BOX 677
FORTUNA, CA 95540
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MICHAEL K. NICHOLS
P.O. BOX 677
FORTUNA, CA 95540
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/MICHAEL KEITH NICHOLS
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 24, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00085
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
VARIABLE VIXENS
3449 DAKOTA ST.
EUREKA., CA 95503
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JENNIFER A. WHITESIDE
3449 DAKOTA ST.
EUREKA., CA 95503
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JENNIFER WHITESIDE
OWNER/SOLE PROPRIETOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 14, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00080
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SEAWARD RENTALS
105-111 E. SEAWARD AVE.
SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173
4974 LUNDBLADE DR.
EUREKA, CA 95503
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
TERESA M. WAYSON
4974 LUNDBLADE DR.
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
S/TERESA M. WAYSON
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00090
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE EVERGREEN CO-OP
3469 LK WOOD BLVD.
APT. G
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
TOMAS A. FANNING
3469 LK WOOD BLVD.
APT. G
ARCATA, CA 95521
MORGAN D. WORNACK
1432 L ST. UNIT A
EUREKA, CA 95501
LESLIE M. MUNGIA
2719 MEADOW CREEK WAY
ARCATA, CA 95521
BAILEY E. HAAS
951 S. FORTUNA BLVD.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
SOPHIA M. PORTOLOSE
335 LAUREL DR.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP
S/TOMAS FANNING
GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 16, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
2/28, 3/6, 3/13/, 3/20

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CECILY IRIS LARA
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2400145
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **CECILY IRIS LARA**
to Proposed name**: CECILY IRIS REAL**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL19, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB. 13, 2024
Timothy A. Canning.
Judge of the Superior Court
2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
CHARLES G. WARNOW
CASE NO.: PR2400061
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
CHARLES G. WARNOW
A Petition for Probate has been filed by ANDREW C. WARNOW AND AREN R. WARNOW, in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: ANDREW C. WARNOW AND AREN R. WARNOW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: APRIL 4, 2024
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE
SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY
A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District, effective February 12, 2024. The Board of Trustees is seeking a qualified person to join the Board for the remainder of the term (until the November 2024 election). Please consider joining Board President Brian Hudgens, Board Clerk Christine Ng, and Trustees Anna KT McClure and John Schmidt in promoting student achievement and successfully guiding the District into the future.
Pursuant to Education Code sections 5091 and 5328, the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District intends to appoint a qualified person to the Board to fulfill this vacancy. Qualifications include being at least 18 years of age and a registered voter, and applicants must live within the designated trustee area. Area 3 is in north Arcata between Highway 101 west to the Westwood neighborhood and Wyatt Lane, and 17th Street north to 27th Street. To determine which trustee area you live in, use the interactive map developed by the District at http://arcg.is/mH9L9 by entering an address in the search tool at the upper right.
Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at arcataschooldistrict.org, or by calling or writing to Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 101; superintendent@arcatasd.org; or 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521.
Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The current members of the Board of Trustees will interview applicants in open session at a meeting on Monday, April 8. The successful applicant will be seated at that meeting and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.
Persons desiring to submit questions for the Board's consideration in connection with the interview process may submit suggested questions in writing to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JAMES E. MURPHY
CASE NO.: 2400057
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
JAMES E. MURPHY aka JAMES MURPHY, aka JAMES EMMET MURPHY
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JENNIFER LUNA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JENNIFER LUNA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: APRIL 25, 2024
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
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Zoo Conservation Lecture on butterflies

Sequoia Park Zoo

EUREKA – The Sequoia Park Zoo's 13th annual Conservation Lecture Series continues on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m., hosted by the Conservation Advisory Committee and sponsored by the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation.

Clint Pogue will discuss how our community can support local butterflies in his talk titled, "Elfin Magic: The Power of Curious Communities in Butterfly Conservation." Lectures are hosted in-person at the zoo and online through Zoom.

The event begins with refreshments and a zoo update slideshow at 6:45 p.m. The lecture starts promptly at 7 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions after the presentation.

Humboldt County is home to over 70 kinds of butterflies. Many of these occur in our backyards, parks, and public spaces. To help address the ongoing global decline in butterfly abundance, we can leverage the curiosity



and power of our community to make a difference.

Humans have an ecological role to play on the landscape. By working with our human neighbors, we can care for our butterfly neighbors (and more!). Through the lens of the brown elfin butterfly, we will explore many facets of butterfly conservation and share multiple ways that we can turn our communities into butterfly towns.

Clint Pogue is a botanist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is based out of Arcata, His work focuses on butterfly conservation through the recovery of listed species and increasing butterfly abundance in general.

Clint serves as president of the local chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. The in-person lecture is located at the Sequoia Park Zoo's Flamingo Room at 3414 W St. in Eureka. In-person attendees can enter the Zoo through Gate C, located to the left of the main gate at the W Street crosswalk. Virtual attendees can watch on Zoom (where a free, registered Zoom account is required). The Zoom link will be available on the Zoo's website at *redwoodzoo.org* and through the Zoo's social media.



Scholarships available for summer camp

North Group Sierra Club

HUMBOLDT – North Group, Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club is seeking children to attend two week-long overnight sessions at Lost Coast Camp in Petrolia this summer. 2024 marks the 28th year that the group has provided a camping experience for children through its Lucille Vinyard/Susie Van Kirk Environmental Education Fund.

North Group plans to offer up to four scholarships (worth $750 each!): two to the July 6-12 Ranch & Wild session for kids 8-11 years old and two to the July 24-30 River & Adventure session for kids 9-12 years old. Children residing in Humboldt or Del Norte Counties are eligible to apply, unless they previously received a North Group camp scholarship.

The camp's mission is to provide youth with a dynamic summer camp experience, which promotes building self-esteem and positive friendships, individual expression, and fostering an appreciation for the natural world. Activities include hiking, swimming, canoeing, archery, art, and singing around the campfire. Visit *lostcoastcamp.org* for details.

Camper selections will be based on responses to questions on a one-page application form. Each child may apply for only one camp session. Those receiving scholarships must submit an essay about their experience for the North Group newsletter or repay their scholarship. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the camp location.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – no exceptions. Completed forms may be mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Ln, McKinleyville CA 95519 or scanned and e-mailed to *sueleskiw1@gmail.com*. To obtain an application form, e-mail Sue or call (707) 442-5444.

Student Bird Art Contest open for entries

Friends of the Arcata Marsh

HUMBOLDT – For the 21st year, Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival.

Up to $650 in prizes may be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another kind of bird that has been seen locally.

All entries will be displayed during the festival (April 19-21) in the lobby and hallways of the Arcata Community Center (ACC). Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 20 at the ACC.

Color copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June.

A flyer containing complete rules to submit entries, plus a list of suggested birds to draw, is posted at *godwitdays.org* or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Flyers will be mailed to all Humboldt County schools.

Artwork may be dropped off at the Interpretive Center (open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 to be judged; no late entries will be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to *sueleskiw1@gmail.com*.

ECO BRIEFS

NATURE WRITING CONTEST Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring its 19th annual Student Nature Writing Contest and the deadline is on Saturday, March 23. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on "What Nature Means to Me" by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. First-place winners will be published in the chapter's newsletter, *The Sandpiper*. All winners will be published in a booklet posted at *rras.org* by mid-May. The contest is held in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. All winning writing pieces will be displayed during the festival (April 19-21) in the Arcata Community Center lobby. Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 20. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. A flyer with complete instructions is posted at *rras.org* and*godwitdays.org*, or can be picked up at the Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Email questions to *sueleskiw1@gmail.com*.

LEARN ABOUT MARBLED MURRELETS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Craig Strong about his life among the Marbled Murrelets off our the Northern California coast and the most recent abundance estimates and population trends. Craig first went to the Farallon Islands at age 12 under the guidance of Dr. David Ainley. Since then he has been a naturalist and marine scientist in learning. Craig has focused on seabirds in the California Current since 1976 and, more specifically, on Marbled Murrelets since 1992. For the past 24 years, he has been the sole independent researcher on the Northwest Forest Plan's Marbled Murrelet effectiveness monitoring team, among a host of dedicated agency personnel. The live program is held at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata and will be simultaneously Zoomed. Go to *rras.org* for the link. Drinks and goodies will be served at 7 p.m. and the program will start at 7:30 p.m.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 23. Meet leader Lynn Jones at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the human and natural history of the North Bay. (707) 826-2359

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Rob Fowler at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails. As Spring starts to arrive, many resident birds may be singing, nesting, and showing signs of breeding activity. Shorebirds will likely be abundant, so we'll focus our attention on willets, godwits, sanderlings, avocets and curlews in tidal areas, pond islands and mud around the marsh.

SOHUM FIELD TRIP Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, March 23. This walk includes 2-3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland, and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. In the winter, white-crowned and golden-crowned sparrows abound and Lincoln's sparrows, Northern harriers, and Wilson's snipe might be observed, as well as the year-round residents like jays, towhees, woodpeckers and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located 1 mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. This trip occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month, generally starts around 8:30 a.m., and the leaders vary by month. Call Ann at (707) 296-8720 for the correct start time or with any other questions.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, March 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves, and packaged snacks. Please bring your drinking water. Contact Jeremy Cashen at *jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com* or (214) 605-7368.

EVENING STROLL AT MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society and trip leader Janelle Chojnacki on Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for an easy-going marsh evening walk. Let's take advantage of the longer days and explore the marsh in the evening! The tide will be fairly low so we will hope to see some shorebird action in the muck, and we may see the black-crowned night herons take off in the evening. Meet at the end of I Street (Klopp Lake).





